

I use, and pay for, the XM Satellite Radio Service. I use it so that I can get uninterrupted service when I travel, and so that I have the choice of what kind of program I wish to hear at any point in time. The XM Instant Traffic & Weather is useful as I travel to obtain local weather conditions. It is also useful at home where this information is available to me whenever I need it rather than waiting for a local station to broadcast it on the hour or half hour. It also solves the problem of local weather radio which is so faint that it can barely be heard. I have bought several radios in an attempt to overcome the weather radio problem, but none have succeeded.

I think XM radio should be free to broadcast what its listeners find useful. I don't think competitors like the National Association of Broadcasters should be able to avoid competition through government intervention. I respectfully urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160.

Thank you.